

## Message Text

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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: MARR, JA  
SUBJECT: YOMIURI ARTICLE ON HOMEPORTING AT SASEBO

1. AUGUST 11 YOMIURI CARRIED FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE QUOTING  
GOJ SOURCE AS SAYING THAT USG LEADER RECENTLY MADE APPROACH  
TO PRIME MINISTER FUDUDA THAT US WISHED TO STRENGTHEN  
SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS CAPACITY AT SASEBO IN PREPARATION  
FOR POSSIBLE CONFLICT ON KOREAN PENINSULA AS US GROUND  
FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN. WHILE ARTICLE DID NOT STATE  
FLATLY THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO HOMEPORTING OF CARRIER  
AT SASEBO, IT POINTED OUT THAT GOJ MILITARY EXPERTS  
BELIEVED THAT SASEBO WOULD ASSUME IMPORTANCE AS SUPPLY  
BASE FOR 7TH FLEET IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY IN KOREA AND  
SUGGESTED THAT GOJ WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DEAL WITH  
PROBLEM OF TURNING SASEBO INTO HOME PORT FOR AIRCRAFT  
CARRIER. AS BASIS FOR SPECULATION, ARTICLE QUOTED  
SECDEF BROWN'S EARLY JULY PRESS CONFERENCE, INWHICH  
HE ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT 7TH FLEET WOULD PROBABLY COME TO  
HAVE BASE IN SEA AREAS NEARER TO ROK IN THE FUTURE.

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2. ARTICLE ALSO DREW ON JUNE 1977 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET  
OFFICE REPORT, WHICH SUGGESTED AS ONE OPTION, HOMEPORTING  
OF ADDITIONAL CARRIER IN WESTPAC.

3. FONOFF HAS INFORMED US IT WILL DENY ANY USG OFFICIAL  
MADE ALLEGED APPROACH TO PRIME MINISTER. EMB INTENDS

TO FOLLOW SUIT.  
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